Neptunes to Fly In Joint Scheme

COMOX—Eight Neptune aircraft of the RCAF's 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron from the RCAF station here are taking part in a joint Canada-United States naval exercise off the California coast.

The RCAF said the squadron, under the command of Wing Cmdr. W. D. Foster, 40, of Renfrew, Ont., will operate from the U.S. naval air station at San Diego.

More than 150 air and ground crew personnel and the eight Neptune patrol bombers will be used on the four-day exercise as part of the forces involved in the joint anti-submarine exercise. It is to start Monday.

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Up-Island Centre Cut Off

CAMPBELL RIVER — Victoria is not the only Island centre with boat service troubles—this village is also suffering.

Campbell River Ratepayers' Association yesterday decided to send a telegram to Attorney-General Robert Bonner protesting the decision of Northlands Navigation Co. to drop Campbell River from its ports of call on the run between Vancouver and Alert Bay area.

The wire should reach him when he returns from Ottawa after seeking continuance of CPR ferry service between Victoria and the mainland.

In Archives

Tapestry May Find A Home

Possibility that the centennial tapestry made last year by the students and staff of McTavish school may find a resting place in the provincial archives was reported to Saanich District 63 school board last week.

The tapestry, which is in the form of a map of Saanich Peninsula, contains the names and locations of the farms of the pioneer families of the district.

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Vehicular triple-play at Campbell River at 1.30 a.m. yesterday sent Comox airmen David Pegg and Jobb Siemen to hospital with face lacerations and head injuries. Above car, driven by Airman Pegg, struck empty parked car near Government Wharf and empty car careened across street and hit third vehicle, parked in front of Seaview cafe.

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Council Bucks TCA Pull-Out

Central Saanich council has gone on record as opposed to the possible change in Victoria-Vancouver air service from Trans-Canada Air Lines to Pacific Western Airlines, when it voted to support the recent protest of the B.C. Bulb Growers' Federation to the Air Transport Board.

Public confidence from the standpoint of safety was noted by Councillor Gordon Lee.

"I have travelled many miles by air," Councillor Lee said, "and I have found some lines give a feeling of less security than others. Sometimes underhazardous conditions, the need to get into the air is more pressing for private lines, because as long as they are on the ground they are losing money.

"But TCA, being government supported, have less urgency to take risks. A feeling of security has a great deal to do with passenger traffic, and I'm very much opposed to another line taking over this service," the councillor said.

Cowichan Area

Early Settler Buried Monday

DUNCAN — Robert John Manley, aged 90, one of the first white twins born in the Cowichan district, died at Cobble Hill, Thursday. He and his twin brother, William, who predeceased him in 1952, were born on the farm where they lived all their lives.

The twins were born on July 12, 1868, and were partners as resident farmers and stock raisers. Robert John was well known throughout the Cowichan district as he was a bridge builder for the provincial government until he retired from that part-time work in 1926. He was also the last charter member of the Duncan Order of the Odd Fellows.

He will be buried at Maple Bay Cemetery, next to his father, who was buried there 87 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Sabina; one son, John, of Quallcum, and a niece, Mona Melrose, Cobble Hill.

Services will be held from the Hirst funeral home, Monday at 2 p.m., under the auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Rev. W. F. Burns will officiate.

Towed to Cowichan Bay

Black Engine Smoke Belches from Barge

A converted landing barge, reported burning off Separation Point yesterday was towed to nearby Cowichan Bay last night with engine trouble following an RCMP search.

Police received reports yesterday afternoon that the vessel was on fire. But investigation revealed it was only belching smoke.

It was towed to Cowichan Bay by the fishing vessel Sharon M.

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Operators At Sidney Say Goodbye

More than 200 Sidney telephone operators, ex-operators, and friends last week attended a farewell party at SANSCHA Hall, Sidney, to mark the forthcoming closure of the local exchange.

Several officials of the Victoria office traffic department also attended the party.

Miss Mary Enos, manager of the Sidney exchange, who first came to the district as agent and sole operator in 1926, received a watch, which was presented on behalf of present and former operators.

Shoplifters Target

OLYMPIA (CP) — The Washington Senate Saturday passed legislation to crack down on shoplifters. The measure has now been sent to the state House for approval.

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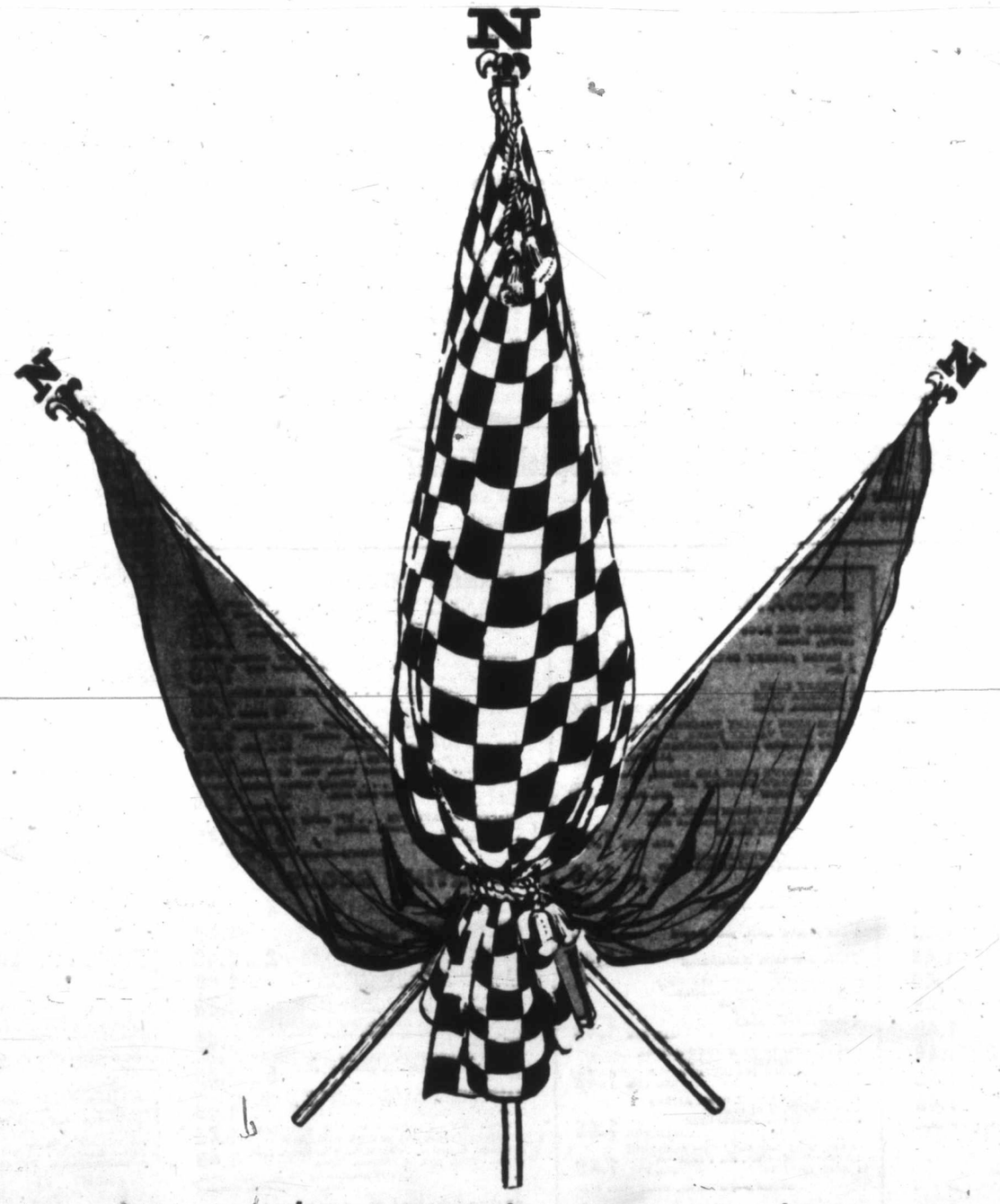

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